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Barbara P. Glenn, Ph.D.
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Dear Ms. Glenn:

On February 17, 2017, you requested that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issue "a public notice to formally extend the implementation of all revised provisions to the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS)...until at least January 2, 2018, or until adequate enforcement guidance, educational materials, and training resources have been completed and the state lead agencies have the tools, time, and resources necessary to effectively implement the rule changes and assist the regulated community with compliance activities." After careful evaluation, the EPA believes it appropriate to grant your request to extend the implementation of all revised provisions to the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) until the necessary guidance and training have been completed which would allow state lead pesticide agencies to successfully implement the rule changes. We will soon begin the regulatory process to formally extend the compliance date for all revised provisions of the WPS. We will keep you informed of our progress.

We appreciate your concern regarding this issue and look forward to working with our state and tribal regulatory partners on this important work.

If you have further questions, please contact me or Kevin Keany in the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs at keany.kevin@epa.gov or (703)-305-5557.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wendy C. Hamnett", is written over a horizontal line.

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Acting Assistant Administrator